

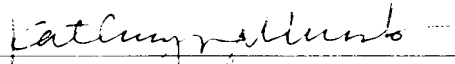
Discussion of Amendments

The specification and claims have been amended to provide sequence listing information. As such, no new matter has been added. A complete set of the amended claims is attached hereto for the convenience of the Examiner.

Conclusion

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,


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